

MEDICAL AND PRACTICAL ACUPUNCTURE IN MICHIGAN

Presentation by the

Michigan Medical Acupuncture Association

American Health Source

A Brief History of the Issue
We are not from California, Minnesota, or Wyoming,
we are “Pure Michigan”.

PURE  **MICHIGAN®**

AMERICAN HEALTH SOURCE – A MICHIGAN
CORPORATE EMPLOYER SINCE 1980

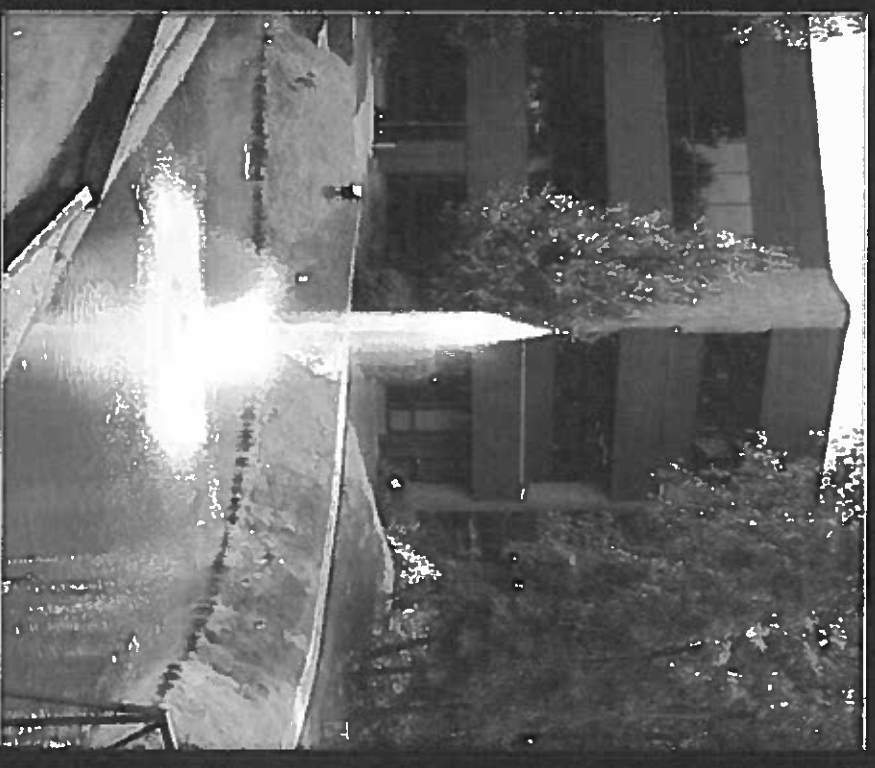
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No evidence of injury or harm by an acupuncture technician or MIMA member has been presented - because none exists. In the history of our organization there has never been a malpractice lawsuit against one of our graduates or members.

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We are approved and licensed to teach medical assisting and phlebotomy. The certification courses cover the proper procedures for venipuncture, or using a needle to find a vein and collect blood. Students learn about safe practices for handling blood and the dangers of blood-borne diseases. We provide trained MA's and phlebotomists for major Michigan hospitals – but somehow we are not competent to train a health care provider to insert an acupuncture needle?



**AMERICAN HEALTH SOURCE – A MICHIGAN
CORPORATE EMPLOYER SINCE 1980**

DR. GREGORY LAWTON

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- **Former Vice President of Human Resource Associates – largest medical psychology group practice in West Michigan.**
 - **Former Vice President of Ancillary Services Corporation – largest physical therapy group practice in Michigan.**
 - **Creator of the national Life Wellness program and over 20 hospital out-patient programs.**
 - **Founder of American Health Source.**
 - **Founder of the Blue Heron Academy.**
 - **Author of over 100 health science and educational products.**

DR. GREGORY LAWTON

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- **Licensed chiropractor in Michigan.**
 - **State certified acupuncturist in Idaho.**
 - **Trained in martial arts and Asian health practices for 65 years.**
 - **Author of 4 books on medical acupuncture and 6 books on the Asian martial arts.**
 - **Completes 15 hours of NCCAOM approved acupuncture continuing education per year.**
 - **Have been teaching Asian healing arts and martial arts for 45 years.**

PRESENTATION KEY CONCEPTS

- **Loss of Michigan jobs and tax revenue.**
- **No proof of harm to the Michigan public.**
- **We provide trained MIA's and phlebotomists for major Michigan hospitals.**
- **Acupuncture is an AMA procedure code and is no different than the use of a hot or cold back, or a TENS unit, or any therapeutic modality or therapy.**
- **We are significant revenue and tax generators for the state of Michigan.**
- **SB 683 would establish acupuncturists as portal of entry primary care providers.**

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- **TCM/TAM acupuncture is based upon Taoist religion, occult practices, metaphysics, and shamanism.**
- **The state of Michigan is proposing to mandate the study of Taoist religion in order to practice health care, in violation of the establishment clauses of the state and US constitutions.**
- **TCM/TAM schools do not have regional or Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) accreditation and cannot be compared to standard colleges and universities, or medical schools.**

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Who we are...

**AMERICAN HEALTH SOURCE - A MICHIGAN
CORPORATE EMPLOYER SINCE 1980**

AMERICAN HEALTH SOURCE

- **Located in Grand Rapids adjacent to Calvin College.**
- **Michigan corporation and employer for 38 years.**
- **Michigan state licensed post-secondary school.**
- **Publishing company.**
- **National Board testing working with Michigan State University.**
- **Promoting evidence based health care since 1980.**
- **Over 12,000 members nationwide.**
- **First state approved and licensed acupuncture program in Michigan.**
- **Only state approved and licensed acupuncture program in Michigan.**

AMERICAN HEALTH SOURCE - A MICHIGAN CORPORATE EMPLOYER SINCE 1980

**US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
Statistics Median Income Statistics from IRS
Income Data:**

Phlebotomy - \$32,710

Medical Assisting – \$33,922

Paramedical Skincare – \$32,990

Medical Massage – \$39,860

Acupuncture Technician – \$39,330

Personal Trainer - \$38,160

**AMERICAN
HEALTH
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CORPORATE
EMPLOYER
SINCE 1980**

**Michigan Medical Acupuncture
Association**

436 Michigan Members (2018)

Median Income Level - \$39,330

**Gross Income Generated Annually -
\$17,174,880.00, In Michigan!**

**SENATE BILL 683 PROPOSES TO
LICENSE 85 SHAMANISTIC and
METAPHYSICAL ACUPUNCTURISTS
AND TO UNEMPLOY 436 MICHIGAN
ACUPUNCTURE TECHNICIANS**

In Michigan!

AMERICAN HEALTH SOURCE CORPORATE FLOWCHART

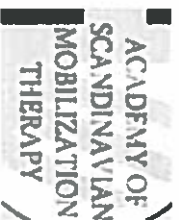


AMMA
AMERICAN MEDICAL MASSAGE ASSOCIATION

Healing is in your hands

American Medical Massage Association

AHS Association Affiliates



**National Training Center
Grand Rapids, Michigan**



Blue Heron Academy

47 STATES PROVIDE FOR MEDICAL DELEGATION SUPERVISION

A Brief History of the Issue

We train medical physicians, osteopathic physicians, physical therapists, physician assistants, nurses, and all allied health care personnel in medical and practical acupuncture.

We also train phlebotomists and medical assistants in partnership with several Michigan hospitals.

Allied medical personnel, non-physicians, must work under medical delegation and supervision.

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“Most licensed physicians in the United States are permitted to practice acupuncture within the scope of their medical practices. Med Acupunct. 2017 Jun 1; 29(3): 121–127.

47 states provide for medical delegation and supervision of allied medical personnel. Technically, a non-physician allied medical health care worker practicing acupuncture is working as a medical assistant (MA).

47 STATES PROVIDE FOR MEDICAL DELEGATION SUPERVISION REGISTRATION

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“Membership in our national association requires compliance with state laws, medical delegation and supervision for allied medical personnel, informed consent and release for acupuncture, clean needle training and practices, annual continuing education and maintenance of professional malpractice and liability insurance.

Our membership has historically supported medical delegation and supervision, and because our members are largely comprised of allied medical personnel it has been easier for them to comply with the delegation and supervision requirement.

“The current acupuncture registration law was intended to provide registration for the, at that time, almost 300 practical acupuncture technicians working in Michigan health care practices.”

MICHIGAN BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE REFUSED TO REGISTER MMAA MEMBERS

The Granholm appointed, shamanistic and metaphysical acupuncturist controlled state board of acupuncture refused direct instructions from LARA to register our members.

The Michigan Board of Acupuncture was instructed by LARA attorney's, and with the assistance of Rae Ramsdell of LARA, to begin the registration of MMAA member practical acupuncture technicians, the Board of Acupuncture refused to vote on a motion made by MMAA State Chapter Director Arthur Kaminsky, M.D., D.C., a Governor Granholm appointee to the acupuncture board. An attorney for LARA asked the MMAA not to take legal action against the state of Michigan and temporary suspended acupuncture board meetings.

MICHIGAN BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE REFUSED TO REGISTER MMAA MEMBERS

20 SEC. 16525. (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE

21 BOARD, SHALL PROMULGATE RULES SETTING FORTH THE MINIMUM
STANDARDS

22 FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ACUPUNCTURIST. THE DEPARTMENT, IN

23 CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD, MAY ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE

24 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS ISSUED BY A CERTIFIED PROGRAM THAT IS

25 RECOGNIZED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CERTIFYING
AGENCIES OR

26 BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TRADE ASSOCIATION.

27 (2) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD, SHALL

1 NOT PROMULGATE RULES UNDER THIS SECTION THAT DIMINISH
COMPETITION

2 OR EXCEED THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF REGULATION NECESSARY TO
PROTECT

3 THE PUBLIC.

ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARIFICATION IN 2007

Our solution? Get attorney general clarification of the Michigan Medical Practice Act on Delegation and Supervision of Acupuncture . This decision and clarification made registration a moot point. Essentially, acupuncture registration provided nothing.

OFFICE OF REGULATORY REINVENTION

Proposed Solution: The occupation of acupuncturist should be de-regulated. A national certification chosen by the individual is better suited to train, test, and set standards for such an intricate and yet varied profession. ORR 2012



RECOMMENDATIONS

OF THE

OFFICE OF REGULATORY REINVENTION

REGARDING

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING

February 17, 2012

MEDICAL AND PRACTICAL ACUPUNCTURE

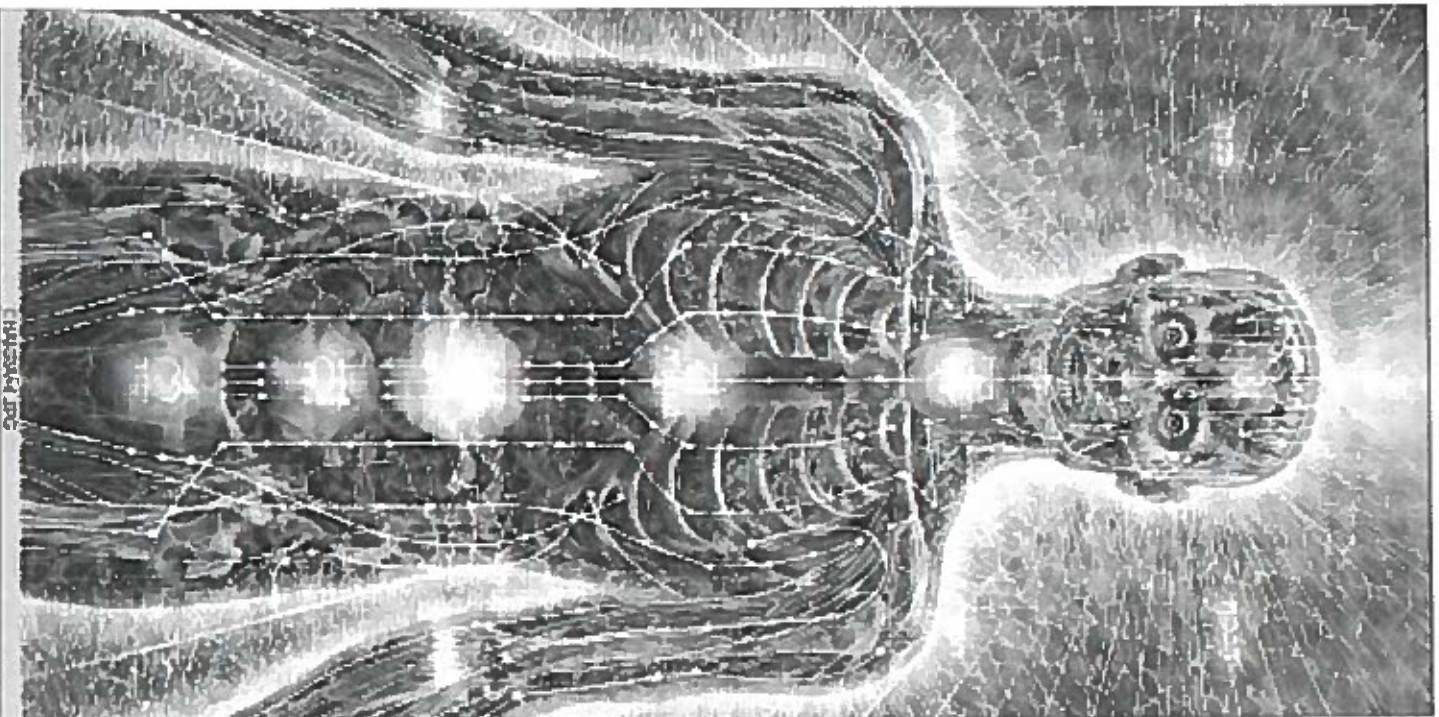
**Medical Acupuncture Versus Shamanistic and
Metaphysical Acupuncture**

MEDICAL ACUPUNCTURE

To the medical acupuncture technician needing is a medical procedure no different than any therapeutic modality, such as heat or cold, TENS, or any other medical procedure.

- **Mechanoreceptor Stimulation**
- **Global Effects on CNS**
- **Endorphin Release**
- **Increase in Immune Function, WBC, Increased Immune Cell Activity**
- **Counter-Irritation Theory**
- **Fibroblast Stimulation**

It is about treating pain!



MEDICINE VERSUS SHAMAN

- TCM/TAM acupuncture is based upon the religious dogma and practices of Taoist. Taoism is a recognized world religion.
- Shamanistic/metaphysical acupuncturists are trained in Taoist religious dogma, cosmology, and pseudo-science.
- The Taoist religion is one of the five religious doctrines officially recognized in the People's Republic of China (PRC) as well as the Republic of China (ROC).
- The number of Taoists is difficult to estimate, due to a variety of factors including defining Taoism. The number of people practicing Chinese folk religion is estimated to be just under four hundred million.
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taoism>

PSEUDOSCIENCE ACCREDITATION

It is remarkable that the mechanisms underlying the actions of acupuncture are now well-understood and can be described in the scientific language of neurophysiology and neuro-immunology. Despite this knowledge, **AOM curricula in the US remain primarily based on pseudoscience and metaphysics, where, acupuncture is solely described using occult notions such as the so-called Five Elements/Phases, Yin-Yang, and channel theories, all of which ultimately derive from astrology and astral mythology.** These metaphysical notions have an appeal to post-Counterculture health-consumers who in lieu of modern biomedical sciences, aspire towards traditionalism and spirituality, and who believe in a vast spectrum of New Age ideas and practices sourced by Eastern religions, Neo-paganism, alternative science, and a range of other ideas emanating out of a general interest in the paranormal.

Sciencebasedmedicine.org

ACAOM ACCREDITATION

- While the ACAOM is approved as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education, the DOE does not review the scientific validity of what is taught or perform any independent analysis of the graduates' ability to competently and safely practice. Its focus is on administrative matters and the financial stability of the schools.
- Unlike other accredited doctoral or primary care degree programs ACAOM standards do not require an undergraduate degree. The ACAOM standards do not require a college degree for admission to an accredited acupuncture/Oriental Medicine school and only 500 hours of supervised patient care are required in accredited programs to graduate with a Master's in acupuncture (700 hours for a Master's in Oriental Medicine). A Master's allows one to sit for the NCCAOM exam. In sum SB 683, would allow someone with no college degree and 500 hours of clinical training employing metaphysical approaches to health care to become a "primary care provider" in Michigan.

SB 683 - ACUPUNCTURE LICENSURE

SB 683 will license TAM occult and metaphysical acupuncturists as portal of entry - primary care physicians and health care providers.

- **Masters of Oriental Medicine - MOM**
- **Doctor or Oriental Medicine – DOM**

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NCCAOM – Comprehensive Practice Test for Acupuncture

Question: 17 of 50 NCCAOM - Comprehensive Practice Test for Acupuncture

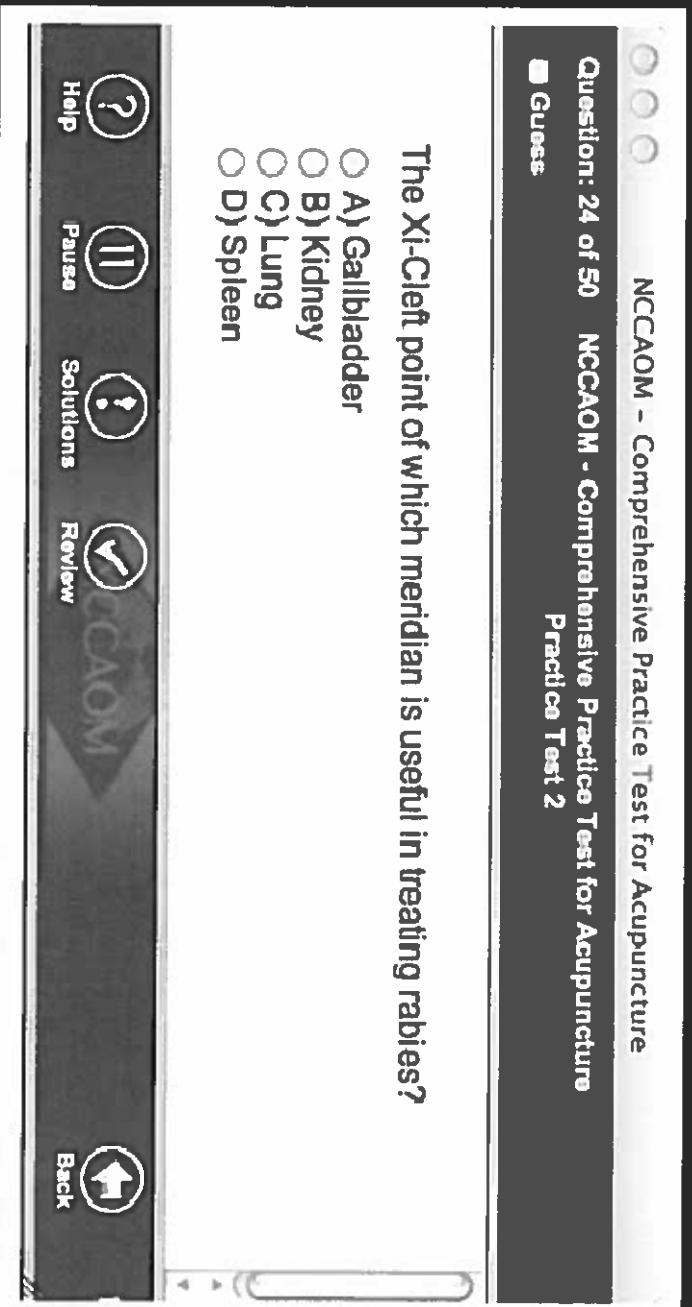
Practice Test 4

☐ **Guess**

Which of the following point combinations can be used to regulate the spirit and treat emotional disorders?

- ☐ **A) H 7 (Shenmen) and SI 7 (Zhizheng)**
- ☐ **B) UB 19 (Danshu) and GB 24 (Riyue)**
- ☐ **C) TW (SJ) 7 (Huiyong) and Sp 3 (Taibai)**
- ☐ **D) LI 4 (Hegu) and Lu 7 (Lieque)**

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NCCAOM APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

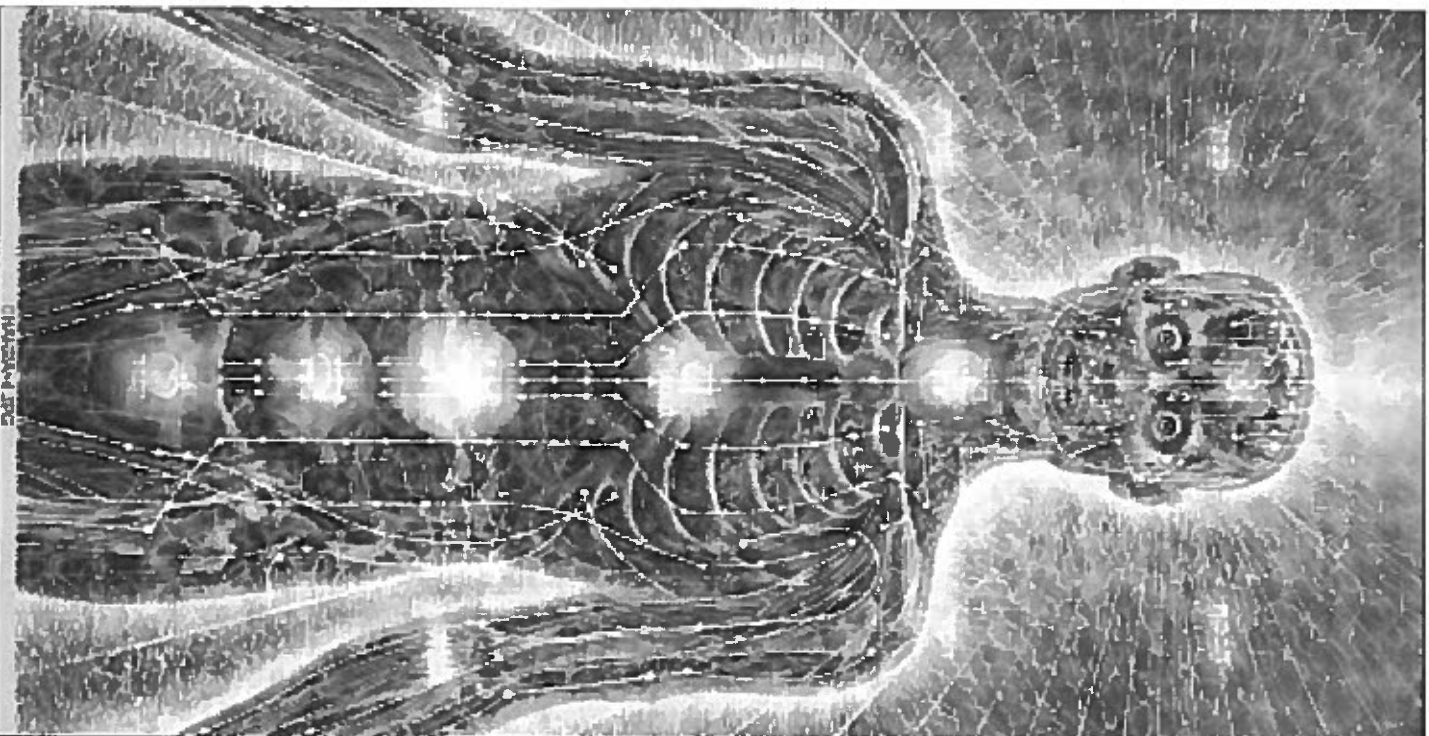
THE MIND AS MEDICINE MODERN MEDICAL CHI-KUNG

Dr. Tatsuo Hirano, D.O.M., L.Ac.
Energetics for Health, Inc.

Psychic Body Scanning

"When the cause is pinpointed and released, the results can be instantaneous"

Modern Medical Chi-kung™ (MMC) is not a set of exercises, typical in traditional chi-kung, but a new method of diagnosing and treating many medical complaints without contact. Based on principles of electromagnetic energy, MMC redefines and updates the ancient Chinese art of energy healing with modern health sciences and physics into a new method of rapid, non-touch examination and treatment that is capable of correcting the multi-dimensional factors that can weaken your health and well-being and quickly improving both physical and mental conditions.



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**Senate Bill 683
MMAA Talking Points**

There is no proof of harm to the public under the current regulations requiring medical delegation and supervision of acupuncturists.

SB 683 is not an acupuncture licensure bill, it is rather an oriental medicine bill that would establish a separate but equal system of oriental medicine in the state of Michigan based upon pseudoscience, Taoist religion, and metaphysical and occult practices.

SB 683 would establish postmodern Taoist shaman as portal of entry primary health care providers.

SB 683 provides no scope of practice limits to poorly trained and inadequately prepared practitioners of oriental medicine.

SB 683 does not require medical oversight, medical delegation, or medical supervision of traditional oriental acupuncturists.

SB 683 does not require medical referral of patients who may have serious medical conditions that would require medical evaluation and treatment.

SB 683 would mandate by state law the metaphysical beliefs and practices of a system of Taoist based religious acupuncture called traditional Asian medicine and does not provide for a secular rational scientific alternative.

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**OPPOSE
ACUPUNCTURE
LICENSURE
Senate Bill 683**

Unfair and unequal representation.
SB 683 chooses sides and leaves out
436 Medical Acupuncture Technicians.
SB 683 is a bad bill!

**DECODING
ACUPUNCTURE**



Michigan Medical Acupuncture Association, 2014



**Senator Margaret O'Brien's
Acupuncture Bill, SB 683
has left out Michigan's 436
Medical and Practical
Acupuncture Technicians!**

Why would she do that?

**Pure Michigan
since 1980!
Getting to know
your Michigan
Medical and
Practical
Acupuncture
Technicians**

**SB 683 - Just the facts,
and nothing but the facts!**

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If you know where
to insert an acupuncture
needle to treat

Rabies

or perhaps VD in babies -
the State of Michigan
plans to give you a
health care license!

Acupuncture Point –

Gallbladder 36 indicated for:

✓ Pigeon chest in children

✓ Headache

✓ Mania

✓ Abdominal pain

✓ Rabies

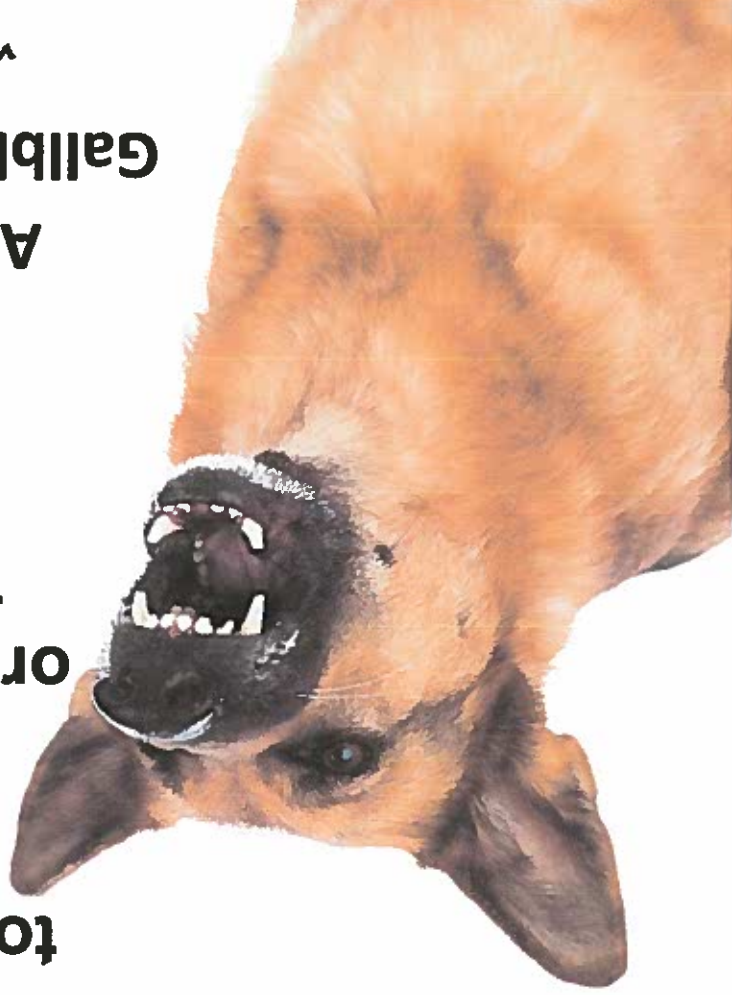
✓ Paralysis of the lower limb

✓ Fever after chills

Venerable disease in infants

Source: Joel Penner, O.M.D., L.Ac.
Professor, Emperor's College of
Traditional Oriental Medicine
www.americandrakon.com

Michigan Medical Acupuncture Association, 2018



Does the Michigan

Legislature have

any idea what they

are promoting with

Senate Bill 683,

the O'Brien

acupuncture

license bill?

Probably Not!

1. Daoist Traditions College - Chinese Medicine and ...

<https://daoisttraditions.edu>

Daoist Traditions College of Chinese Medical Arts is a small, engaging institution of higher education. We are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (ACAOM), and approved for conferment of a Master degree in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine by the North Carolina Board of Governors.

- [The Clinic](#) · [Tuition and Fees](#) · [Approvals](#) · [Information & Pricing](#) · [Alumni Benefits & Resources](#)

2. Acupuncture Education & Courses | ITEA

<https://www.itea.edu>

The Institute of **Taoist** Education and Acupuncture (ITEA) offers the degree Master of Acupuncture in Classical Five-Element Acupuncture (CF-EA). This discipline is the Taoist healing tradition brought to the west by the late Professor J. R. Worsley, and is also known as Worsley Five-Element Acupuncture.

- [Alumni](#) · [Traditional Track](#) · [Continuing Education & Events](#) · [Veteran's Clinic](#) · [Admissions](#)

3. Acupuncture: The Taoist View of Medicine – Nicholas Sieben ...

nicholasieben.com/acupuncture-the-taoist-view-of-medicine

Acupuncture was created by Taoists. Taoism is a spiritual philosophy that has influenced Chinese culture since the beginning of civilization. It has influenced the social as well as spiritual beliefs of China, as well as its science and medicine. To understand Chinese Medicine, one ...

4. Jung Tao School of Classical Chinese Medicine

<https://jungtao.edu>

The **Jung Tao School** Intern Clinic offers low cost acupuncture treatments to the public and school community. These treatments are performed by student interns in their fourth year of training, under the direct supervision of experienced licensed acupuncturists.

5. WuHsing Tao School of Acupuncture - Acupuncturist ...

<https://www.facebook.com/wuhsingtaoschool>

Again, Most everything from the school will be available at the sale. Some items include: Office such as general office supplies, plus chairs, folding chairs and chair rack, office stool, tables, office desks, lamps, a heating lamp, and folding massage tables.

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- **Location:** 4000 NE 41st St, Bldg D, Seattle, Was

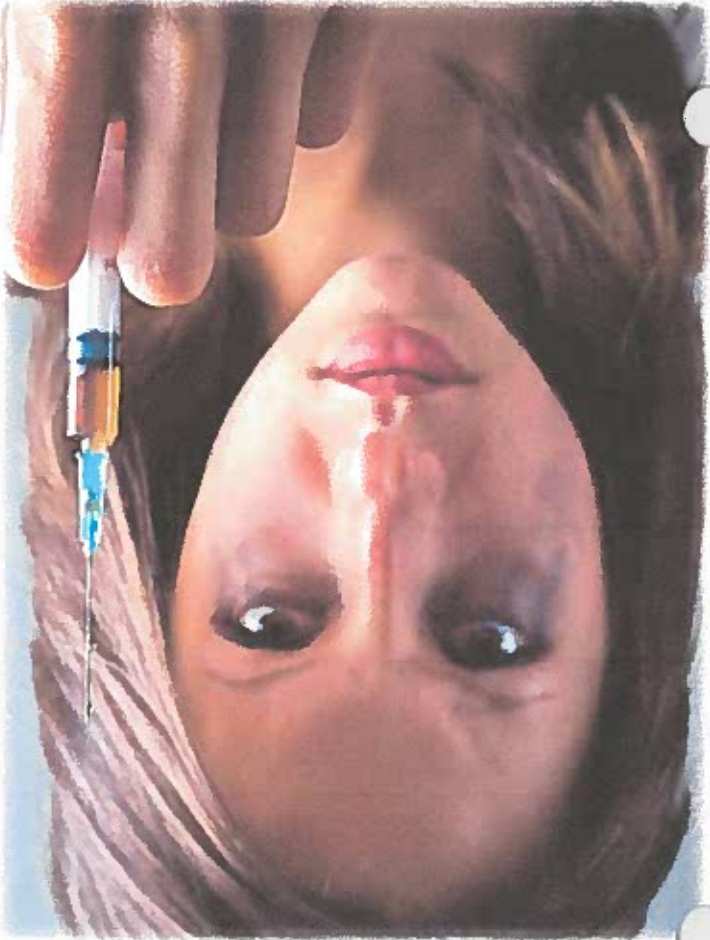
Acupuncture for a Opioid Addiction? Probably Not!

Yeah, Acupuncture Cures
Drug Addiction!

When Combined with -

More Money for Mental Health
More Money for Schools
Better Trained Doctors
Early Childhood Education
and Drug Prevention
Counseling, Psychology
and Social Work
Economic Equality
More Better Paying Jobs
Elimination of Child Abuse
Poverty, and Racism

*Take one acupuncture needle
and call me in the morning...*



But...

If you are *really* desperate
then maybe a practitioner
of traditional Asian
acupuncture based upon
shamanism, occult, and
metaphysical practices is
just the cure for what ails
our communities.



Decoding Acupuncture

**SB 683
Acupuncturists -
Portal of Entry
Primary Care
Physicians
in Michigan?**

**No Medical Delegation
No Medical Supervision
No Scope Limits, Not Even Cancer
No Mandated Medical Referral**

This protects the public safety? No!

Michigan Medical Acupuncture Association, 2018

